

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cochran

DATE: 11/3/75

FROM : J. J. McDermott

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF  
JIM LESAR AND ERNEST S. LEISER OF CBS NEWS

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Re letter of Jim Lesar dated April 15, 1975, and  
September 5, 1975, letter of Ernest S. Leiser, copies  
attached.

Captioned requesters have appealed the denial  
of requested information regarding documents relating to  
the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis,  
Tennessee. To fully evaluate the legality of withholding  
the requested information under the FOIA, the U. S.  
Department of Justice, Freedom of Information Appeals Unit,  
has requested the Bureau to gather information pertinent  
to the requests.

Captioned requests are being handled concurrently  
by the Department of Justice, Freedom of Information Appeals  
Unit, and due to time pressures in this matter, it is  
requested the following recommendations be handled as  
expeditiously as possible.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

EX-116

REC-69

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The Laboratory Division forward to the FOIPA  
Section, Files and Communications Division, the requested  
documents with any comments and/or recommendations,  
particularly those which would concern the dissemination  
of Bureau information or information which has been the  
subject of affidavits or court testimony.

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Total agent time utilized, direct cost of  
service and preparation and material relating to the  
reproduction, be furnished.

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See Laboratory Addendum, page 2.



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